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At a Court of ALDERMEN *held on* Tuesday *the* 13*th Day of* February 1759, *and in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Second of* Great-Britain, *&c.*

IT is referred to *Thomas Rawlinſon*, *Thomas Chitty*, *Matthew Blakiſton*, *William Stephenſon*, *George Nelſon*, and *Francis Goſling*, Eſquires, Aldermen, or any two of them, to be a Committee to conſider of the Office of Collector of this City's Duty of Package and Scavage, for all Goods of Aliens imported into the Port of *London*, and what Regulations may be neceſſary to be made, and report their Opinions thereon to this Court.

Tueſday the 20th of *February* 1759.

Committee to conſider of the Duty of the Collector of this City's Duty of Package and Scavage, for all Goods of Aliens imported into the Port of London.

MR. *Creſwicke* attended, and acquainted the Committee, that his Duty as Collector of the City's Duties of Scavage and Package, is to collect of Aliens thoſe Duties granted agreeable to a Table in the Book of Rates, and that he collects the Package on Foreign Goods re-exported, that receive a Drawback, and a Scavage on every Thing imported. That he is Clerk of the Rates, and all Merchants and Importers are obliged to bring their Entries to him, to be computed for the Duties, and then he takes an Account of the Scavage and Package, and their Entry cannot paſs without being firſt brought to him. He thinks no Perſon, unleſs he be Clerk of the Rates, can collect theſe Duties, without Prejudice to the City. No Perſon, who is not an Officer of the *Long Room*, in the *Cuſtom-houſe*, can have a Seat to do Buſineſs there, without the Leave of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms. That ſome

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of the Duties, wrought Silk in particular, cannot be collected as ſet, being now paid by Weight, and that many other Things in the Table are altered by Cuſtom and Uſage. Mr. *Creſwicke* produced his Book of Collection from *September* 1757, to *May* 1758, ſaid that he had made a Copy of his Collection for the Year 1757, by the Deſire of the City Auditors, which he delivered to them. He apprehends a great Loſs may fall on this City, by any Perſon's attempting to do this Duty, who is not in the *Cuſtom-houſe*, and acquainted with *Cuſtom-houſe* Buſineſs, and underſtands the Rates. Mr. *Henry Saxby*, who ſucceeds him, as Clerk of the Rates, is in his Opinion, the moſt proper Perſon to collect theſe Duties for the Benefit of this City, he having aſſiſted in it thirty-three Years; and he can trace for about a hundred Years, that theſe Duties have always been received by the Clerk of the Rates. Though a Collector, not belonging to the *Cuſtom-houſe*, ſhould engage a Perſon in the *Cuſtom-houſe* to aſſiſt or Act under him, it could not be properly executed, unleſs that Aſſiſtant was Clerk of the Rates. It appears to him, there is not

any Check on the Receipts of theſe Duties, by which they can be aſcertained with Certainty, but Reliance muſt be had upon the Honeſty of the Perſons who collect them. The Expences on the Collection, are 10 *per Cent.* on the Sum collected, thirty-five Pounds a Year for getting an Account of Aliens Goods, and entering them in a Book; other uncertain Expences, amounting to about Twelve Pounds a Year, and the Land-Tax, being charged at Four Hundred Pounds a Year. Whoever is Clerk of the Rates, is obliged to keep an Account of all Perſons naturalized, and that Papiſts and Jews pay about a third Part of theſe Duties.

MR. *Manby* attended, acquainted the Committee, that he intended to offer himſelf as a Candidate; that the Duties are in the Book of Rates; that he has ſeen the Powers in the Charters; thinks he ſhould ſoon underſtand the Buſineſs, and would get ſuch Aſſiſtance as is neceſſary.

MR. *Manby*, Mr. *Fanſhaw*, and Mr. *Saxby*, were ordered to have Notice to attend the next Committee.

Thurſday

Thurſday the 22d of *February* 1759.

Same Committee.

MR. *Manby* attended, and acquainted the Committee, that he had enquired at the *Cuſtom-houſe*, into the Nature of the Buſineſs of a Collector of the City's Duties on Scavage and Package; that he has got the Promiſe of a Perſon in the *Long Room* of the *Cuſtom-houſe*, who has a Seat there to aſſiſt him therein, by which means he ſhall be enabled to do the Buſineſs of the Collection in a proper Manner, and thinks he ſhall be under no Difficulty from the want of a Seat in the *Cuſtom-houſe*. He has ſeen the Accounts of this Collection, and will deliver in a more particular Account, and ſuch as he believes will be very ſatisfactory, if he ſhould have the Honour of being appointed to the Office, and that he deſires to be continued no longer than he appears capable of doing the Duty.

MR. *Saxby* attended, and acquainted the Committee, that he intends to offer his Service to collect theſe Duties; that he is appointed to ſucceed Mr. *Creſwicke*, as Clerk of the Rates, and that he has been in the Practice

Practice of the Buſineſs ever ſince the Year 1722.

HE was aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. IF any Perſon out of the *Cuſtom-houſe*, though aſſiſted by one who had a Seat in the *Long Room*, could do this Buſineſs properly?

Anſwer. HE could do it in proportion to the Knowledge and Practice of that Perſon who aſſiſted him, and in proportion to the Power that Perſon had by his Situation there to oblige Perſons to come to him.

Queſtion, 2. How many Perſons there are who ſign the Entries in Relation to Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. NONE. That the Collector only received that Money on Computation with other Fees.

Queſtion, 3. How many Perſons there are who ſign the Warrants for the Crown Duties?

Anſwer.

Anſwer. FIVE may, but generally only ſigned by two or three.

Queſtion, 4. IF a Perſon appointed, not in the *Cuſtom-houſe*, ſhould get one of the Five to aſſiſt him in this Collection, whether he would thereby have proper Authority to enable him to do the Buſineſs?

Anſwer. HE would not; becauſe as they had been collected, time out of mind, in the Office of Clerk of the Rates, they would find it difficult to get at the Receipt of theſe Duties.

HE acquainted the Committee, that as Clerk of the Rates, or Computer, he is in the firſt Inſtance, to ſee that all Entries are agreeable to the Laws of the Cuſtoms, and the Book of Rates; in ſeeing this, he is enabled to know what Aliens Duties are due to the Crown, and of conſequence, what Scavage is due to the City; but in many Caſes where there are no Aliens Duties or Cuſtoms to the Crown, yet Scavage Duties are due and payable to this City, which he by his Office can diſcover, and

and that his Examinations are implicitly taken by the other Officers; that the Scavage Table does not now contain above half the Species of Goods which are enumerated in the Table of Rates of Cuſtoms to the Crown, and now imported and paid; and thoſe which are not in the Scavage Table, the Scavage thereon is taken by analogy of Computation of the Duties to the Crown; that there is a Scavage due and payable on many Species of Goods imported by *Britiſh* in Ships diſqualified, which cannot ſo eaſily be diſcovered as by the Clerk of the Rates; that there are Diſqualifications of Goods coming from particular Countries, which by being imported in foreign Ships are ſubject to Scavage, the Country where they are brought from diſqualifying them; that in his Office the Scavage is ſtopt at the Time of computing the other Duties.

Queſtion, 5. WHETHER the Warrants for the Duties to the Crown may be paſſed without the Scavage Duties being paid?

Anſwer. THEY may, if the Clerk of the Rates, whoſe Duty it is to regulate the Duties

Duties in the first Instance, should not collect them.

THE Committee were of Opinion, that the next Collector should enter into Bond, with two Securities, besides himself, in the Penalty of
for the faithful Discharge of his Office, for the Payment of the Money collected quarterly, and for the delivery of a Duplicate of his Account, with every Payment upon Oath, deducting the usual Allowance of 10 *per Cent.* for his Trouble, and other customary incidental Expences.

Tueſday the 27th of *February* 1773.

Same Committee.

A REPORT being prepared was read, and ſome Alterations being made thereto was approved, ſigned, and ordered to be reported to the Court of Aldermen.

GLYN, *Mayor.*

An eſpecial Court of ALDERMEN, *held on* Shrove Tueſday *(that is to ſay) the 27th Day of* February 1759, *and in the Thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Second, of* Great-Britain, *&c.*

THIS Day the Committee appointed by this Court, the 13th Inſt. to conſider the Duty of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, and what Regulations might be neceſſary to be made, delivered into this Court a Report in Writing, under their Hands, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR *and Court of* Aldermen.

IN Obedience to an Order of this Honourable Court, bearing Date the 13th Inſt. We have met to conſider the Duty

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of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, and what Regulations might be neceſſary to be made, and have been attended by Mr. *Joſeph Creſwicke*, the preſent Collector of thoſe Duties, who is, and was at the Time of his Appointment, Clerk of the Rates in the *Cuſtom-houſe*, and find that the Duty of the ſaid Office, is to collect of Aliens, the Duties of Package on Foreign Goods re-exported, that receive a Drawback, and the Scavage on every Thing imported. We are likewiſe informed by the ſaid Mr. *Creſwicke*, that all Merchants and Importers are obliged to bring their Entries to the Clerk of the Rates, to be computed for the Duties, who then takes an Account of the Package and Scavage, and their Entry cannot paſs without having been firſt brought to him; that ſome of the Duties cannot now be collected, as ſet forth in the Table of Duties of Package and Scavage: Wrought Silk, and many other Particulars, being altered in the Collection, by Cuſtom and Uſage. That one third Part of theſe Duties is paid by Papiſts and Jews, and whoever is Clerk of the Rates, is obliged to keep an Account of all Per-

ſons naturalized. We have been further informed, that Mr. *Saxby* is appointed to ſucceed Mr. *Creſwicke*, as Clerk of the Rates, and that he has been in the Practice of the Buſineſs of the ſaid Office, ever ſince the Year 1722, and that theſe Duties having been collected, time out of mind, by the Clerk of the Rates, it would be very difficult for any other Perſon to get at the Receipt of them, as the Clerk of the Rates or Computer, is, in the firſt Inſtance, to ſee that all Entries are agreeable to the Laws of the Cuſtoms and the Book of Rates: He is thereby enabled to know what Aliens Duties are due to the Crown, and of Conſequence, what Scavage is due to the City; and that there are many Inſtances where there are no Aliens Duties or Cuſtoms to the Crown, yet Scavage Duties are due and payable to this City, which the Clerk of the Rates can by his Office diſcover, and his Examinations are implicity taken by the other Officers of the *Cuſtom-houſe*. That the Scavage Table does not contain above half the Species of Goods, which are enumerated in the Book of Rates, and Cuſtoms to the Crown, and now imported

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and paid, and thoſe which are not in the Scavage Table, the Scavage thereon is taken by analogy of Computation of the Duties to the Crown. There is likewiſe a Scavage due and payable on many Species of Goods, imported by *Britiſh*, in Ships diſqualified, which cannot be eaſily diſcovered; and there are Diſqualifications of Goods coming from particular Countries, which by being imported in Foreign Ships, are ſubject to Scavage, the Country where they are brought from diſqualifying them. That the Scavage Duty is ſtopt at the Office of the Clerk of the Rates, at the Time of computing the other Duties, and there is no Entry of them kept by any other Perſon, than he who is appointed Collector. We alſo find that the annual Diſburſements, on the ſaid Collection, are 10 *per Cent.* on the groſs Sum to the Collector for his Trouble, Thirty-five Pounds for getting an Account of Aliens Goods, and entering them in a Book, incidents about Twelve Pounds, and the Land-Tax being charged at Four Hundred Pounds. And it appearing to Us, that there is not any Check on the Receipts of theſe Duties,

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whereby they can be properly aſcertained, without applying to the *Cuſtom-houſe* Books. We are therefore of Opinion, that for the future, the Collector thereof ſhould enter into Bond with two Securities, in the Penalty of

for the faithful Diſcharge of his Office; for the Payment of the Money received into the Chamber quarterly, and for the Delivery at the ſame Time, of a Duplicate of every particular Sum received upon Oath, deducting the Allowance to himſelf for his Trouble, and the other cuſtomary incidental Charges: All which We ſubmit to this HONOURABLE COURT, this 27th of *February* 1759.

William Stephenſon,	*Thomas Rawlinſon,*
George Nelſon,	*Thomas Chitty,*
Francis Goſling.	*Matthew Blakiſton,*

AND after ſeveral Debates, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that this Court doth agree with the Committee in their ſaid Report? the ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

THIS Day *Joſeph Creſwicke*, Eſq; Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage,

Scavage for all Goods of Aliens imported into the Port of *London*, being here preſent, did freely ſurrender up unto this Court his ſaid Office: Of which ſaid Surrender, this Court doth accept and allow.

THIS Court doth appoint *Henry Saxby*, Eſq; Clerk of the Rates of the *Cuſtom-houſe*, to be Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, for all Goods of Aliens imported into the Port of *London*, in the Room of *Joſeph Creſwicke*, Eſq; who this Day ſurrendered the ſame, to hold the ſaid Office and Employment during the Pleaſure of this Court and no longer, he entering into Bond with two Sureties in the Sum of Two Thouſand Pounds Penalty, for the faithful Diſcharge of his Office, for the Payment of the Money received into the Chamber Quarterly, and for the Delivery at the ſame Time, of a Duplicate of every particular Sum received upon Oath.

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CROSBY, *Mayor.*

At a Court of ALDERMEN, *held on* Tueſday *the* 16*th Day of* July 1771, *and in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Third of* Great-Britain, *&c.*

THIS Court doth refer it to the Right Honourable the *Lord-Mayor*, *Samuel Turner*, *Barlow Trecothick*, *William Naſh*, *John Kirkman*, and *Richard Oliver*, Eſquires, Aldermen, or any two of them, to be a Committee, to enquire into the Nature of the Office of Collector, of the Duties of Package and Scavage, granted to the City of *London*, and report their Opinions thereon to this Court.

Wedneſday

Wedneſday the 29th of *January* 1772.

Wedneſday the 4th of *March* 1772.

THE Committee to enquire into the Nature of the Office of Collector of the Duties of Package and Scavage, granted to the City of *London*, met and examined the following Gentlemen.

MR. *Samuel Baldwin*, Deputy Collector, outwards.

MR. *John Mann*, Clerk of the Rates.

MR. *William Moreton*, Examiner of all Duties inwards, and Computer of all Duties.

AND the ſeveral Queſtions, together with their Anſwers, are in the Report to the Court of Aldermen, made on the 17th of *March* 1772.

NASH, *Mayor.*

At a Court of ALDERMEN, *held on* Tuesday *the* 17*th Day of* March 1772, *and in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Third, of* Great-Britain, *&c.*

THIS Day the Committee appointed by this Court, the Sixteenth Day of *July* laſt, to enquire into the Nature of the Office of Collector of the Duties of Package and Scavage, granted to the City of *London*, delivered into this Court a Report in Writing, under their Hands, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD-MAYOR, *and Court of* Aldermen.

IN Obedience to your Order, bearing Date the Sixteenth of *July* laſt, wherein it was referred to us, to enquire into the Nature of the Office of Collector, of the Duties of Package and Scavage, granted to the City of *London*, and to report our Opinions thereon. We have met ſeveral Times

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for that Purpoſe, and find that there are five Officers belonging to the *Cuſtom-houſe*, who are by their reſpective Offices capable of collecting theſe Duties, *viz.* the Examiner of all Duties inwards, and Computer of all Duties: the Clerk of the Rates: the Comptroller: the Surveyor-General: and the Surveyor: The appearance of theſe Officers having been deſired by us, we have been attended by Mr. *Samuel Baldwin*, Mr. *John Mann*, and Mr. *William Moreton*, who being ſeparately aſked the ſeveral underwritten Queſtions, returned the following Anſwers.

Mr. *Samuel Baldwin*, Deputy-Collector outwards, (having previouſly acquainted us, that there are great Frauds, in the Concealment of Aliens Goods, by Brokers, Watermen, and other Perſons employed, making their Entries general) was aſked,

Queſtion. Are there any other Frauds committed than thoſe of Aliens Goods?

Anſwer. Not as I know of.

Queſtion. WOULD it not be more for the Intereſt of the City to have two Collectors inſtead of one?

Anſwer. I THINK it would be better for the City's Intereſt, to have a Collector and Comptroller.

Queſtion. GIVE us your Opinion why it would be better to have a Collector and Comptroller?

Anſwer. As a Check upon each other; and in Caſe of Sickneſs, that ſome Perſon might be always upon the Spot to collect the Duties; and becauſe the Goods are rated under ſuch doubtful Deſcriptions or names, that it requires a greater Attention to be paid to it.

Queſtion. Is there any Check upon the Clerk of the Rates as to the Scavage duty.

Anſwer. THERE is not at the *Cuſtom-houſe.*

MR *John Mann,* Clerk of the Rates, was aſked,

Queſtion.

Queſtion. Do you adminiſter an Oath in the Collection of theſe Duties?

Anſwer. I NEVER have, nor do I apprehend that I have any ſuch Power, but I always ſtop the Warrant until I am ſatisfied, having in my Office a right ſo to do, which no other Officer has but the Clerk of the Rates.

Queſtion. Is there any Perſon at the *Cuſtom-houſe*, beſides the Clerk of the Rates, obliged to keep an Account of all Perſons naturalized?

Anſwer. THERE is not.

Queſtion. Is not that Account in the Office of the Clerk of the Rates, and has it not been there for many Years paſt?

Anſwer. IT is.

Queſtion. WOULD it be for the Intereſt of the City to have two Collectors, or one Collector and a Comptroller?

Anſwer.

Answer. He does not believe it can be done with more Advantage to the City, than it is now by one Collector.

Question. Is there any Person in the *Custom-house*, that can collect these Duties so well as the Clerk of the Rates?

Answer. He thinks no Person can do it so well.

Question. Is there any Check upon the Collector of the Scavage Duty?

Answer: Only his own Clerk, who examines the Account with him.

Question. Do all the Officers that cast the King's Duties, cast the Duties of Package and Scavage for the City?

Answer. No other than the Collector of those Duties.

Mr. *William Moreton*, Examiner of all Duties inwards, and Computer of all Duties, acquainted us; That there are five Officers

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Officers capable of collecting theſe Duties, and was aſked,

Queſtion. Is there any Power in Mr. *Mann*'s Office, as Clerk of the Rates, ſuperior to the Powers belonging to the Comptroller, Surveyor, Surveyor-General, and Examiner, to paſs the Warrants for the Entry of Goods inwards?

Anſwer. THERE is not.

Queſtion. CAN every one of theſe five Officers collect the Duties of Package and Scavage, with equal Advantage to the City?

Anſwer. THEY can. And ſays, there are great Frauds committed in theſe Duties; that the Collector has never adminiſtred an Oath; that the City is impowered by the Grant, to compel an Oath, when required, which Power ought to be exerciſed, whenever any ſuſpicious Circumſtances appear.

Queſtion. WOULD it be any Benefit to the City's Income to have two Collectors?

Anſwer.

Anſwer. It would not.

Queſtion. Is not the Clerk of the Rates, by virtue of his Office as Computer, in the firſt Inſtance, to ſee that all Duties are agreeable to the Cuſtoms, and the Book of the Rates?

Anſwer. In that Reſpect he is juſt in the ſame Predicament, as the other four Officers already mentioned.

Queſtion. Is not the Clerk of the Rates enabled to know what Aliens Goods are due to the Crown, and of Conſequence, what Scavage is due to the City?

Anſwer. Just in the ſame Manner as the other four Officers, they are equally enabled.

Queſtion. Is there any Check upon the Collector of the Scavage Duty?

Anſwer. Where there is a Scavage Duty to the City, there is a petty Cuſtom due to the Crown, in all Caſes, except ſome particular Articles, free of Duty, where a Scavage Duty is paid.

Queſtion.

Queſtion. If a miſtake ſhould ariſe in the Computation in the firſt Inſtance, would it not be attended with great Difficulty, to have it ſettled?

Anſwer. The ſame Difficulty as in the Crown Duties.

Queſtion. Is there a petty Cuſtom due to the Crown where there is no Scavage Duty?

Anſwer. No.

Queſtion. Is there a particular Account kept of the Receipt of the King's petty Cuſtoms, diſtinct or ſeparate from the other Branches?

Anſwer. It is kept in a particular Column, in the Book by itſelf.

Queſtion. Is there any Check upon the Collector of the Scavage Duty?

Anſwer. The Receipt of the petty Cuſtom, is in ſome Degree, a Check.

Queſtion. Is there any Check upon the Collector of the Package Duties?

Anſwer, No.

YOUR Committee obſerve, That the principal Matter of your Reference to them has been formerly diſcuſſed and explained in the Report of a Committee to this Court, on the twentieth of *February* 1759, in a very accurate and explicit Manner, to which We beg leave to refer. We are of Opinion, That for the future it ſhould be made the Duty of the Collector to ſwear the Party upon every Occaſion, where he has reaſon to ſuſpect any fraudulent Intention; that he ſhould regularly pay into the Chamber of this City, the amount of his Receipts quarterly: and at the End of every Year's Collection attend this Court, with a regular Account of the annual Receipts and Diſburſements, and deliver the ſame upon Oath, and give good and ſufficient Security: All which we humbly ſubmit to this HONOURABLE COURT, this Seventeenth Day of *March* 1772.

William Naſh, Mayor.
Barlow Trecothick,
J. Kirkman,
Richard Oliver.

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And a Motion being made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree with the Committee in their ſaid Report? the ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

This Court doth appoint *Tueſday* next, the twenty-fourth Inſt. for the Election of a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, for all Goods of Aliens imported into the Port of *London*, in the Room of *Henry Saxby*, Eſq; deceaſed.

NASH, *Mayor.*

At a Court of ALDERMEN, *holden on* Tueſday *the 24th Day of* March 1772, *and in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Third, of* Great-Britain, *&c.*

THIS Day Mr. Alderman *Oliver*, delivered into this Court a Letter ſigned by ſeveral of the Common-Council of this City, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD-MAYOR, *and the Worſhipful the Court of* Aldermen *of the City of* London.

My Lord, and Worſhipful Sirs,

WE are informed by the Public Prints, that this Court intends to proceed to the Election of a Collector of City Scavage, which Appointment we apprehend, reſides in the whole, and not in any one Branch of the Corporation. We therefore, in order to prevent the Confuſion that will conſequently enſue from ſuch Procedure, intreat

intreat this Court to examine the Laws and Charters, which confirm the Duties of Scavage and Package, by which it will appear,

THAT a Statute 19 *H.* VII. reſerves the ancient Duty of Scavage to the whole Corporate Body.

THAT the laſt Charter of Scavage and Package was purchaſed and granted in the expreſs Words of "Lord-Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors."

THAT all Tolls, Duties, *&c.* are confirmed by the 2d *W.* and *M.* by the Denomination of "Lord-Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*."

THAT the Officers appointed by this Court have no lawful Power to collect, and conſequently, the Revenue is in Danger, as the Merchants would moſt certainly diſpute Payment, if informed of this Circumſtance.

THAT the laſt legal Appointment of a Collector, was by agreement with the City Lands,

Lands, confirmed by Common-Council, 7th *June* 1705, and directed to be made under the City Seal.

THAT no Authority but the Common-Council, can legally uſe the City Seal.

AUTHENTIC Proofs can be produced, that conſiderable Increaſe might be made to this Duty, if collected or diſpoſed of in a proper Manner, and under a lawful Appointment.

FOR theſe Reaſons, My Lord and Worſhipful Sirs, We are convinced it would be illegal, in the higheſt Degree, for this Court to proceed to the Election, as we ſhall contend ſuch Election will be an abſolute Nullity.

Tueſday 24th *March* 1772.

Stephen Camm,	*George Bellas,*
James Archer,	*William Hurford,*
Patrick Cawdron,	*Charles Sommers,*
John Merry,	*William Saxby,*
John Peart,	*Robert Benſon,*
William Judd.	*John Piper,*

WHEREUPON this Court doth poſtpone the Election of a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage.

THIS Court doth refer it to all the Aldermen of this City, or any five of them, to be a Committee to enquire into the Right of appointing a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, and report their Opinion thereon to this Court: And Mr. *Recorder*, and Mr. *Common-Serjeant*, are deſired to aſſiſt the ſaid Committee therein.

Friday the 22d of *May* 1772.

COMMITTEE to enquire into the Right of appointing a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage.

THE Order of Reference, dated the 24th of *May* 1772, was read.

SEVERAL Entries in the Journals and Reportories of the Courts of Common-Council,

Council, and Court of Aldermen, were produced and read.

Wedneſday the 27th of *May* 1772.

Same Committee.

SEVERAL other Entries from the Journals and Reportories were read.

ORDERED, That a Report be prepared to be laid before the next Committee, taking Notice of all the Entries that have been read to them, and that the Committee be ſummoned to meet on *Tueſday* next, at Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday the 2d of *June* 1772.

Same Committee.

THE Draught of a Report being prepared, was read; the Committee came to ſeveral Reſolutions, which were ordered to be added to the Report by way of Concluſion, to be reported to the Court of Aldermen this Day.

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NASH, *Mayor.*

At a Court of ALDERMEN, *held on* Tueſday *the* 2*d Day of* June 1772, *and in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Third, of* Great-Britain, *&c.*

THE Committee appointed by this Court, the twenty-fourth of *March* laſt, to enquire into the Right of appointing a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, did this Day deliver into this Court a Report in Writing, under their Hands, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD-MAYOR, *and Court of* Aldermen.

IN Obedience to an Order of this HONOURABLE COURT, bearing Date the twenty-fourth Day of *March* laſt, whereby it is referred to us to enquire into the Right of appointing a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, and to report our Opinion thereon to this Court. We whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, do humbly certify, That we do find upon examining the Charters granted to the City, and the Entries in

this City's Books, that King *Edward* the IVth, in the eighteenth Year of his Reign, among other Things, did grant to the Mayor, and Commonalty of this City, in Conſideration of Seven Thouſand Pounds, the Office of Packing all Manner of Woollen Cloths, Sheep Skins, Calf Skins, Goat Skins, Veſſels of Amber, and all other Merchandizes whatſoever, to be packed, tunned, piped, barrelled, or any-wiſe to be encloſed, with the overſight of opening all manner of cuſtomable Merchandizes, arriving at the Port of Safety, as well by Land as by Water, within the Liberties and Franchiſes of the ſaid City and Suburbs of the ſame, as well of the Goods of Denizens as of Aliens, whereſoever they ſhall be accuſtomed. We alſo find by the Charter of the 5th of *September*, in the Sixteenth Year of King *Charles* the firſt, that the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Predeceſſors, had exerciſed and enjoyed the Offices of Package and Scavage, of all Goods or Wares of any Merchant, either Alien or Denizen; and in conſideration of Four Thouſand, Two Hundred Pounds, the ſaid King did grant and confirm the ſaid Offices

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of Package and Scavage to the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of this City, and their Succeſſors. We alſo find upon examining the City's Books, the following Entries, among others, touching the Appointment of a Collector to receive the Duties ariſing from the ſaid Offices, *to wit*,

By an Act of Common-Council then made, reciting, that the Mayors of *London*, ever ſince there hath been Mayors of the ſaid City, and before any Mayors, the Guardians of the ſaid City, before time out of mind, and always ſince, have uſed to ſurvey and overſee the Weights and Meaſures, Gauging, Packing, Garbling, and ſealing of Leather, to the Intent the ſame ſhould be uſed according to the Standards, and to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm: And gives a Power to the Mayor to appoint his Servants and Deputies under him, and in caſe any of the ſaid Offices ſhould become vacant by Death, or otherwiſe, the Mayor and his Succeſſors, from time to time, at his Will and Pleaſure, ſhall nominate, elect, depute, aſſign and chooſe another able Perſon and Perſons, being a Freeman or Freemen of the ſame City, ſuch as the ſaid Mayor for the Time being

21ſt *Jan.* 24th *H.* 8. Lib. P. fo. 4. b.

being will anſwer for, and the ſaid Perſons to remove at his Will and Pleaſure.

11th *Oct.* 12th *E.* 4. *J. Edwards*, No. 8. fo. 33. b.

WILLIAM ISAAC, was by the Mayor and Aldermen to have and occupy the Office of Package of all Cloths, Woollen Goods, &c. according to the Form of an Indenture then made to him.

3d *Auguſt*, 1ſt *E.* 6. Rep. Hobthorne, No. 11. fo. 365. 6, 7.

JOHN THYNNE, Eſq; Servant to Lord Protector, in whoſe Favour the King and Lord Protector had wrought to this Court, and to the Common-Council, upon promiſe to do his Endeavour to get Letters Patent annulled, granted by King *Henry* VIII. to one *Rowland Bee*, of part of the Office of Packerſhip; was appointed to the ſaid Office, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council for his Life.

31ſt *Jan.* 8th *Eliz.* Rep. Champion No. 16. fo. 5.

LORD *Darcy*, and *Sir John Thynne*, were ſequeſtered and amoved for a Seaſon from the Office of Package of Strangers Goods, upon a Difference between them touching their Title, and *William Peterſon* admitted by the Court of Aldermen until ſuch time as other Order ſhould be taken by that Court.

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WILLIAM PETERSON was amoved by consent of Lord *Darcy* and *Sir John Thynne*, and *William Young*, was admitted for a reasonable and convenient time; the Profits and Revenues of the said Office to be retained in his Hands, and applied to such uses, as the Court of Aldermen shall order and determine.

7th *Feb.* Rep. Champion No. 16. fo. 9.

THE Reversion of the Office of Packer, granted by the Court of Aldermen to *Young*, paying 100 Marks to the Chamber, and 10l. *per Annum* to St. *Bartholomew's* Hospital.

Rep. Rowe, No. 16. fo. 477.

RICHARD YOUNG was admitted accordingly by the Court of Aldermen.

2d *June*, 22d. *Eliz.* Rep. Woodroffe, No. 20. fo. 78.

FIFTY Pounds abated of the Packers Rent, by the Court of Aldermen, during a War with the low Countries; and the same to be paid by the Bridgemasters to the Lord-Mayor and Sheriffs.

20th *May*, 1572, Rep *Allen*, No. 17. fo. 317.

THE Packer to be bound by Order of the Court of Aldermen, with Sureties to pay the Chamber dues.

13th *March*, 1594. 37th *Eliz.* Rep. *Spencer*, No. 23. fo. 366.

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26th *Sep.* 37th *Eliz. J. Spencer*, No. 24. fo. 56.

RICHARD WRIGHT, appointed by Common-Council, Packer, *&c.* paying into the Chamber One Hundred Marks, Ten Pounds to St. *Bartholomew*'s Hoſpital, and Fifty Pounds more, Thirty Pounds to Lord-Mayor, and Twenty Pounds to *Robert Woodroffe*, during his Life, and after *Woodroffe*'s Death to Lord-Mayor.

19th *April* 1619 Rep. *Harvey*, No. 34. fo. 115.

RATES for Package, entered for Goods exported, as ſettled by the Court of Aldermen.

29th *April* 1628 Rep. *Hamerſley*, No. 42. fo. 173.

A DEPUTATION to *John Eaglesfield* of Package and Porterage, one other of Scavage and Balliage, by the Court of Aldermen.

12th *Oct.* 1652. *J. Kendrick*, No. 42. fo. 76.

THE Court of Common-Council Reſolved, That the Offices of the Coalmeters, the Package, Scavage, Balliage and Portage, ſhall be in the diſpoſing of that Court.

25th *April* 1654 Rep. *Vyner*, No. 63. fo. 98. b.

THE Court of Aldermen deputed and admitted *Joſeph Dawſon*, Citizen and Draper, to be Collector of the Duties of Scavage, Balliage and Portage inwards, belonging unto this City, during the Pleaſure of the Court; and an Inſtrument of Writing was ordered

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THIS Day, one Writing, made by the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of *London*; purporting their Deputation of *Joſeph Dawſon*, Citizen and Draper of *London*, to collect the Duties of Scavage, Balliage and Portage inwards; and one Bond for Payment of Five Hundred and Fifteen Pounds to *Amie James* of *London*, Spinſter, a late Orphan of this City, on the 20th of *October* 1654, were here ſealed with the Common Seal of this City.

27th *April* 1654 Rep. *Vyner*, No. 63. fo. 100.

A COMMITTEE of Common Council, appointed to conſider of the Offices of Package, Scavage, Balliage, Portage and Garbling, made Report: That *Joſeph Dawſon*, who had been well recommended to them, ſhould be admitted to have and enjoy the ſaid Offices ſo long as he ſhall well and honeſtly uſe and behave himſelf therein, paying therefore yearly, the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds: Which Report was confirmed by the Court, and ſuch Writings were ordered to be prepared as were uſual to be put under the Common Seal.

3d *March* 1656. *J. Tichborne*, No. 41. fo. 151.

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Rep. *Tichborne*, No. 65. fo. 61.

A DEPUTATION to *Joſeph Dawſon*, Citizen and Draper, to the Offices of Package, Portage, Shewage, or Scavage and Balliage of the City of *London*; and an Indenture of Covenants between the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and the ſaid *Joſeph Dawſon*, were ſealed in the Court of Aldermen; and it being referred to the ſaid Court, by the Common-Council, to take Security of the ſaid *Joſeph Dawſon* for the Payment of Four Hundred Pounds yearly, and the Court approved of his Security upon his paying Two Hundred Pounds immediately, and the other Half on the Fifteenth of *May* following.

10th *Oct.* 1684 Rep. *Tulſe*, No. 89. fo. 165.

A COMMITTEE was appointed by the Court of Aldermen; conſiſting of two Aldermen, the Sheriffs, with the Town Clerk, to meet to receive Propoſals for managing or farming the Duties of Package, Scavage, Balliage and Portage.

23d *Oct.* 1684. *Ilm.* fo. 179.

THE Committee brought into the Court, Propoſals made by divers Perſons for farming and managing the Duties of Scavage, Package, Balliage and Portage, lately collected and received by *Joſeph Dawſon*, Eſq; deceaſed.

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REPORT from the Committee City Lands, to the Court of Common-Council, relating to Mr. *Peirce*, Farmer of Package, Scavage, Portage, Balliage, *&c.* about Abatement of his Rent, and a further Term in his

25th *Oct.* 1700. *J. Levett*, No. 52. fo. 353. b.

Leaſe, with Mr. *Peirce*'s Caſe relating thereto.

18th *Dec.* 1700. *Ibm.* 360.

UPON another Report from the ſaid Committee to the Court of Common-Council, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, was abated of his Rent.

6th *June*, 1705, *J. Buckingham*, No. 54. fo. 161. b.

IT was agreed by the Common-Council, that Col. *Peirce* ſhould have a Leaſe of the Package and Scavage for twenty-one Years, at Nine Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, and One Thouſand Pounds Fine, clear of Taxes, to commence from the firſt of *November* then next.

17th *April* 1706, *J. Rawlinſon* No. 54. fo. 381.

UPON a Report from the Committee City Lands, to the Common-Council, ſome Covenants were ordered to be left out of Col. *Peirce*'s Leaſe.

20th *Nov.* 1722 Rep. *Conyers*, No. 127. fo. 27.

UPON a Report of the Committee City Lands to the Court of Aldermen, relating to the Leaſe to Col. *Peirce*, of the Offices of Package and Scavage, *&c.* the Comptroller was ordered to make a Tender, according to a Proviſo therein, in order to vacate the ſaid Leaſe.

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THE Chamberlain acquainted the Court of Aldermen, that having been informed that Col. *Peirce* died inſolvent, he had cauſed a caveat to be entered againſt granting Letters of Adminiſtration, and that an Officer of the Cuſtoms, who collected the Duties of Package and Scavage, had a conſiderable Sum of Money in his Hands, which he was willing to pay on being indemnified. It was ordered, that Mr. *Chamberlain* ſhould receive the ſaid Money, and indemnify the ſaid Officer, and the Court would indemnify him, and did refer it to the Chamberlain to procure Letters of Adminiſtration to be granted to the City's Uſe. And further ordered, that when the Leaſe was vacated, the Chamberlain ſhould appoint ſuch Perſon as he ſhould think fit to receive the ſaid Duties, until the Court ſhould give further Order therein.

27th *Nov.* 1722, *lbm.* 37.

A POWER of Attorney was ſealed in the Court of Aldermen to *John Alderſey*, to take out Letters of Adminiſtration for the City's Uſe of the Eſtate of Col. *Peirce*.

4th *Dec.* 1722. *lbm.* 40.

THE Chamberlain acquainted the Court of Aldermen, that Letters of Adminiſtra-

29th *Jan.* 1722. *lbm.* 123.

tion had been granted to *John Alderſey*, for the City's Uſe, and deſired Directions what further he ſhould do therein; the Court deſired him to adviſe and conſult with Mr. *Recorder*, and Mr. *Common Serjeant*, what was fit to be done therein, and to do as they ſhould adviſe; and the Court ordered him to appoint a proper Perſon to collect the Duties of Package and Scavage, with ſuch Allowances as he ſhould think reaſonable, until the Court ordered otherwiſe.

23d *April*, *Iem.* 245. THE Chamberlain delivered into the Court of Aldermen a Memorial, relating to Package and Scavage, and among other Things, that he had continued Mr. *Shaw* to collect the ſame Duties on the Terms he had from the Leſſee.

20th *Sept.* 1726 Rep. *Forbes*, No. 130. fo. 399. THE Chamberlain acquainted the Court of Aldermen, that he had appointed Mr. *Robert Shaw* (who was a Clerk under the Collector of the Cuſtoms inwards) to receive the Duties of Package and Scavage, and who was lately dead, and that one Mr. *Creſwicke* was appointed by the Chancellor of the

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the Exchequer in his room, was recommended as a fit Perſon to collect the Duties for this City, and that he had appointed him accordingly, ſince the death of Mr. *Shaw*, and deſired the Court's Direction. The Court approved of the ſaid Appointment, and directed, That the ſaid Mr. *Creſwicke* ſhould collect the Duties for the City's Uſe, during the Remainder of Col. *Peirce*'s Leaſe, or until the Court ſhould otherwiſe order.

26th *Oct.* 1726. Committee City Lands.

SIR GEORGE LUDLAM, Knt. and Chamberlain of this City, acquainted this Committee, that the Duties of Package and Scavage, *&c.* granted to Col. *Richard Peirce*, expired the 1ſt of *November* next, and that he had ſet up an Adminiſtrator to the ſaid Col. *Peirce*, and thereby received the Duties towards a Satisfaction of the ſaid Col. *Peirce*'s Arrears of Rent, and deſiring the Committee to conſider whether they would lett the ſame at preſent or not. The Committee were of Opinion, that the ſame ſhould not be lett at this Time, but deſired the ſaid *Sir George Ludlam* to continue to direct the Collection of the ſaid Duties, as he hath already done, giving an Account to this

this Committee, by whoſe Hands he ſhall, from time to time collect the ſame for their Approbation.

3d *March*, 1752, Rep. *Winterbottom*, No. 156. fo. 214.

MR. *Chamberlain* did this Day inform the Court, that he found that *Joſeph Creſwicke*, Eſq; had been appointed by the late Chamberlain as Collector of this City's Duty of Package and Scavage, for all Goods of Aliens imported into the Port of *London*, and that *Edward Williams*, Eſq; had been appointed Collector of the ſame Duties of all Goods of Aliens exported; but that he did not find that either of thoſe Appointments had been confirmed by this Court; that the ſaid Mr. *Williams* is lately dead, whereby the ſaid Place is become vacant; he therefore deſired the Direction of this Court, what he ſhould do in Relation to thoſe Collections: Whereupon this Court doth deſire him to continue Mr. *Creſwicke* in the Collection of the ſaid Duty inwards, on the ſame Terms as he enjoys the ſame at preſent; and Mr. *James Brown*, who acted under the ſaid Mr. *Williams* in his Life-time, being recommended by Mr. Alderman *Janſſen*, as a proper Perſon to ſucceed

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MR. *Chamberlain* acquainted this Court, that purſuant to their Order, of the 3d Inſt. he had applied to Mr. *James Browne*, and that he was willing to collect this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, of all Goods of Aliens exported out of the Port of *London*, in the room of *Edward Williams*, Eſq; deceaſed, on the ſame Terms Mr. *Williams* collected the ſame, which this Court approved of. 10th *March*, 1752, *Ibm.* fo. 230.

HENRY SAXBY, Eſq; Clerk of the Rates at the *Cuſtom-houſe*, was by the Court of Aldermen appointed Collector of the Duties of Package and Scavage, in the room of *Joſeph Creſwicke*, Eſq; who ſurrendered the ſame; to hold the ſame during the Pleaſure of 27th *Feb.* 1759, Rep *Glyn*, No. 163, fo. 150.

of the Court, and entering into Bond with two Sureties, in the Sum of £2000, for the faithful Diſcharge of his Office; for the payment of the Money received into the Chamber quarterly; and for the Delivery at the ſame Time, of a Duplicate of every particular Sum received upon Oath.

YOUR Committee having carefully peruſed and examined the Entries before-mentioned, came to the following Reſolutions.

THAT it appears to your Committee, from the above Charters and Entries, that the Offices of Package and Scavage, are veſted in the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of this City.

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duties ariſing therefrom, are part of this City's Revenue, and as ſuch, paid into the Chamber of *London*.

THEY find further, that the Court of Mayor and Aldermen, have uninterruptedly exerciſed and enjoyed the Appointment

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THAT your Committee are of Opinion, the Right of appointing a Collector of thoſe Duties, is veſted in the Court of Mayor and Aldermen:

ALL which We ſubmit to this HONOURABLE COURT, this 2d Day of *June* 1772.

Samuel Turner,	*Robert Ladbroke,*
Richard Peers,	*Robert Alſop,*
John Shakeſpear,	*Richard Glyn,*
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AND a Motion being made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree with the Committee in their ſaid Report? the ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

NASH, *Mayor.*

A COMMON-COUNCIL *holden in the Chamber of the* Guildhall *of the City of* London, *on* Saturday *the* 16*th Day of* May 1772.

THIS Court doth nominate and appoint Sir *William Stephenſon*, Knt. *Braſs Croſby*, *James Townſend*, *John Sawbridge*, *Richard Oliver*, Eſquires, Aldermen, and *John Wilkes*, Eſq; Alderman, and one of the Sheriffs of this City; *George Bellas*, Eſq; Mr. *William Biſhop*, Mr. *William Hurford*, Mr. *Laurence Holker*, Mr. Deputy *William Poole*, Mr. *John Peart*, Mr. *Benjamin Maud*, Mr. *Luke Staveley*, Mr. *Stephen Tyers*, Mr. *William Richardſon*, Mr. *Samuel Baughan*, and Mr. *Charles Sommers*, Commoners, or any two of the ſaid Aldermen, and four of the ſaid Commoners to be a a Committee to enquire into the Right of this Court, to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage: And alſo to enquire into the Right of the Members of this Court, to be Governors of the Royal Hoſpitals,

Hoſpitals, and to report their Opinion thereon to this Court.

Tueſday the 26th of *May* 1772.

COMMITTEE to enquire into the Right of the Court of Common-Council, to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, *&c.*

THE Order of Reference from the Common-Council, dated the 16th of *May* 1772, was read.

THE Committee agreed to enquire into the Right of the Common-Council, to the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, and after conſidering thereof, they came to ſeveral Reſolutions, which appear at large in the Report to the Common-Council, on the 19th of *June* 1772.

Wedneſday the 27th of *May* 1772.

Same Committee.

THE Proceedings of the laſt Committee were read.

SEVERAL Extracts from the Journals or Proceedings of the Court of Common-Council, and alſo of the Proceedings of the Court of Aldermen, relating to the appointing Perſons Collectors of the Duties of Package and Scavage were read.

SEVERAL Entries in the Journals of Committee City Lands, relating to Leaſes granted to Perſons to be Collector of Package and Scavage, were alſo read.

THE Committee agreed to make a Report to the Common-Council, which being immediately prepared, was agreed to, and ſigned, and ordered to be preſented to the next Common-Council.

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A COMMON-COUNCIL *holden in the Chamber of the* Guildhall *of the City of* London, *on* Friday *the* 19*th of* June 1772.

THE Committee appointed the Sixteenth Day of *May* laſt, to enquire into the Right of this Court, to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, *&c.* Did this Day deliver into this Court a Report in Writing, under their Hands, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD-MAYOR, Aldermen, *and* Commons *of the City of* London, *in Common-Council aſſembled.*

WE whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, your Committee appointed the Sixteenth Inſtant, to enquire into the Right of this Court to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage; and alſo to enquire into the Right of the Members of this Court to be Governors of the Royal Hoſpitals,

Hoſpitals, and to Report our Opinion thereon, do humbly certify, That having met for that Purpoſe, We proceeded firſt to conſider ſo much of your Order of Reference as relates to the Right of this Court to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage: And do humbly Report, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duty of Scavage is inveſted in the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of *London*, by Preſcription, as they do not find the ſame minutely deſcribed and granted by any of the antient Charters, and they find that their Right to this Duty is ſaved to them by the Statute of the 19th of *Henry* VII. Chap. 8.

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duty and Office of Package was granted by Charter of *Edward* IV, to the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of *London*, in Conſideration of the Sum of £7000 by them paid to His Majeſty.

THAT this Duty and Office was renewed and confirmed, with additional Powers by Charter of *Charles* the 1ſt. in Conſideration of the Sum of £4200 paid by the Mayor, Commonalty

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Commonalty and Citizens of *London*, to His Majeſty.

THAT the exerciſe of theſe Duties and Offices have at different Periods been differently diſpoſed of, *viz.* at ſometimes by the Mayor; at ſometimes by the Court of Aldermen; and at other times by the Common-Council; and that the Profits ariſing have antiently been in whole and in part, divided between the Mayor and the Sheriffs, but that from the Reſolution of the Court of Common-Council of the 12th of *October* 1652.—" That the Offices of Package, Scavage, Balliage, and Portage, ſhall be in the diſpoſing of the Court of Common-Council:" We do not find that the Profits ariſing from theſe Offices have been otherwiſe diſpoſed of than to the Uſe of the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of *London*.

THAT We find that the Committee of City Lands, on the 6th Day of *September* 1705, did grant to Col. *Richard Peirce*, their former Leſſee, a new Leaſe for 21 Years of the Office of Collector of the Duties of Scavage and Package, Balliage and Portage, in Conſideration of the clear annual

nual Rent of £950, and a Fine of £1000, and a general Indemnity.

THAT on the 26th of *October* 1726, the Committee of City Lands were of Opinion, not to lett a new Leaſe at preſent, but deſired the Chamberlain to continue the Collection of theſe Duties, giving an Account to the Committee by whoſe Hands he received the ſame for their Approbation. After this Time, We find that the Chamberlain, without any Authority, appointed Collectors to the Offices of Package and Scavage, and afterwards, *viz.* 3d *March* 1752, We find that the Court of Aldermen confirmed the Chamberlain's Appointment, which Miſapplication, contrary to the direction of the Committee City Lands, is, as We conceive, the only Foundation of the Claim of the Court of Aldermen, to the Appointment to theſe Offices.

THAT having conſidered the preſcriptive Right to the Office of Scavage, confirmed by many Charters, and the Grants of the Office of Package, We are unanimouſly of Opinion, that the ſaid Offices are the ſole

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Right of the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of *London*; and that no Perſon, except the Mayor, can legally adminiſter the Oath to prevent Frauds, or collect the ſaid Duties, or either of them, who is not lawfully authorized by this Court, under the Seal of the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of *London*: All which We humbly ſubmit to this Honourable Court, this 27th Day of *May* 1772.

C. Sommers,	*Wm. Stephenſon,*
J. Peart,	*Braſs Croſby,*
Benjn. Maud,	*James Townſend,*
Luke Stavely,	*John Sawbridge,*
Lau. Holker,	*Richard Oliver,*
Wm. Richardſon,	*Wm. Poole,*
W. Hurford,	*George Bellas,*
Wm. Biſhop.	*Stephen Tyers,*

AND the Report of the Committee of the Court of Aldermen, appointed to enquire into their Right of appointing a Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, which was delivered into that Court the ſecond Inſtant, being likewiſe read.

A MOTION was made, and Queſtion put, to agree with the Committee of this Court in their ſaid Report? the ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

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NASH, *Mayor.*

A COMMON-COUNCIL *holden in the Chamber of the* Guildhall, *of the City of* London, *on* Friday *the 19th Day of* June 1772.

IT is referred to the Committee appointed the Sixteenth Day of *May* laſt, to enquire into the Right of this Court, to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, *&c.* to enquire into, and report to this Court their Opinion of the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage.

Tueſday the 16th of *February* 1773.

COMMITTEE to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage, *&c.*

THE Order of Reference from the Common-Council, dated the 19th of *June* 1772, was read.

THE Committee agreed to report to the Court of Common-Council in ſubſtance, the ſame as inſerted in the Report on the 5th of *March* 1773.

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TOWNSEND, *Mayor.*

A COMMON-COUNCIL *holden in the Chamber of the* Guildhall *of the City of* London, *on* Friday *the 5th Day of* March 1773.

THE Committee appointed by this Court the Nineteenth Day of *June* laſt, to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Fackage and Scavage, did this Day deliver into this Court a Report in Writing, under their Hands, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD-MAYOR, Aldermen, *and* Commons, *of the City of* London, *in Common-Council aſſembled.*

WE whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, your Committee appointed by this HONOURABLE COURT, the Sixteenth Day of *May* 1772, to enquire into the Right of

this Court, to diſpoſe of the Office of Collector of Package and Scavage, do certify, That in purſuance of an Order of Reference, of this Honourable Court, dated the 19th of *June* laſt, we have met to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage; and are of Opinion, that a Collector be appointed by this Court for one Year, ſubject to the Power of Revocation; that his Salary ariſe from a Poundage on the Money he receives; that he pay the Money ariſing from the ſaid Duties into the Chamberlain's Office, once in every Quarter of the Year; that he give an Account of all Money received, and from whom, into the Chamberlain's Office, once in every Quarter of the Year; that he verify his Account on Oath before the Right Honourable the Lord-Mayor, and that he find ſufficient Security for the faithful Performance of his Office: All which we humbly ſubmit to this HONOURABLE COURT, this 16th Day of *Feb.* 1773.

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AND a Motion being made and Queſtion put, That the ſaid Report be printed, and a Copy thereof ſent to every Member of this Court? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Wedneſday the 31ſt of *March* 1773.

COMMITTEE to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage, *&c.*

THE Order of Reference from the Common-Council, dated the twenty fourth Inſt. was read.

IT is referred to all the Commoners of this Committee, or any five of them to be a Sub-Committee, to conſider the ſaid Order of Reference, and report their Proceedings thereon to this Committee.

Thurſday the 8th of *April* 1773.

SUB-COMMITTEE about Package and Scavage.

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MR. *Montague*, from the Chamberlain's Office, produced a Book of Mr. *Mann's*, wherein the Account of Package and Scavage for *October*, *November*, and *December* 1772, is entered.

MR. *Stone* attending, was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. WHAT is your Buſineſs?

Anſwer. I HAVE followed the Buſineſs of a *Cuſtom-houſe* Broker or Agent, for upwards of Ten Years.

Queſtion, 2. ARE you acquainted with the Nature of the Duties of Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. YES. As I have often paid the ſaid Duties, and have beſides, made myſelf thorough Maſter of them, by Study and Enquiry.

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Queſtion, 3. As you are acquainted with the Nature of the ſaid Duties, what has been the Average for theſe Ten Years paſt?

Anſwer. In 1760 was collected, £2940

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2	—	—	2186
3	—	—	3046
4	—	—	3431
5	—	—	2768
6	—	—	3075
7	—	—	3360
8	—	—	2819
9	—	—	2990

The Average is about £3080 a Year.

Queſtion, 4. Describe the Nature of theſe Duties, and the People that ought to pay them?

Anſwer. The Nature of the Scavage Duty, is an Impoſt upon all Aliens and Denizens, and their Sons Goods, imported into this City; it ought to be paid by them, and all Merchants who import their Goods upon Commiſſion; it is likewiſe payable by natural born Subjects, under certain Circumſtances, ſuch as diſqualified Ships or Goods,

Goods, coming from particular Countries. This ſaid Duty is likewiſe to be paid agreeable to the 14th of *H.* VIII. where Engliſhmen are ſworn Subjects to Foreign Princes and Lords, and that particular Branch, it is apprehended, was either not known, or not collected.

Queſtion, 5. WHAT is a diſqualified Ship?

Anſwer. WHERE the Property of the Ship is Alien, or where the Ship is Foreign built, and has not been made free.

THE Duty of Package, is an impoſt on all Goods exported by Aliens and Denizens, or their Sons, and this Duty ought likewiſe to be paid by all Commiſſioners Merchants, who export Goods on Account of ſuch Aliens and Denizens.

Queſtion, 6. SHOULD it likewiſe be paid by Goods exported in Foreign Veſſels?

Anſwer. YES. Under the ſame Circumſtances.

Queſtion, 7. WHETHER you imagine, by an Attention to this Buſineſs only, the Revenue of

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Anſwer. YES. It may be conſiderably encreaſed.

Queſtion, 8. To what amount do you think it may be encreaſed, and by what Means?

Anſwer. I APPREHEND it may be encreaſed at leaſt £500 *per Ann.* particularly upon the Duty of Package, which hath not been uſually collected of the Commiſſioned Merchants.

Queſtion, 9. DESCRIBE the Nature of Commiſſioned Merchants?

Anſwer. A COMMISSIONED Merchant receives Goods indiſcriminately from his Correſpondents Abroad, receiving a certain *per Centage*, and charging to them all the particular Duties, Tolls, and Charges, which he pays for the Goods in *England*; and it is very common for Foreigners to obtain Naturalization for the Purpoſe of covering their Correſpondents Goods from Abroad, whereby the Crown Revenue, as well as

the City Tolls, are avoided from being paid: and thoſe Commiſſioned Merchants act in the ſame Manner by Goods exported, as well as Goods imported.

Queſtion, 10. POINT out any particular Sums which you know the City ought to have received, which have not been paid?

Anſwer. IN the Month of *May* 1768, various Sums, together amounting to £157. 5*s*. 4*d*. the whole of which can be proved.

IN the Month of *December* 1769, one Perſon three Entries, £34. 3*s*. 6*d*.

IN *June* 1770, one Perſon, £117. 10*s*.

IN *December* 1771, one Perſon, £66. 4*s*. 0*d*. ½

FROM the 20th of *Auguſt* 1770, to the 21ſt *December* 1770, one Perſon in ſeveral Entries to the amount of £65. 19*s*. 6*d*.

IN the Year 1768, one Perſon whoſe houſe is half Alien to the amount of £259.

THE 21ſt of *November* 1771, one Perſon in one Article, £15. 8*s*.

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ALL which I will undertake to prove upon Oath, if required.

Queſtion, 11. How are theſe Duties collected at preſent?

Anſwer. THE manner in which thoſe Duties are collected, has been by the late Mr. *Saxby*'s Clerks, it has gone nominally under the name of Mr. *Mann*; but Mr. *William Simms*, has been the active Perſon in receiving and keeping an Account of this Duty, as appears by the Accounts delivered in at the Chamberlain's Office; Mr. *Simms* was paid for ſettling the late Mr. *Saxby*'s Account with the City, and he verified ſuch Account upon Oath; the manner the Officers proceed in the Collection of the Duty, called Scavage, is by examining every Warrant inward, and if any Names appear ſuſpicious, they ſtop ſuch Warrant upon a File, and oblige the Merchants to declare that the Goods are not Foreign—With reſpect to that part of the Package Duty, which hath

been collected by Mr. *Mann*, or his Clerks. Mr. *Mann* has no Office by which he can ſtop the Certificates or Entries outwards; but Mr. *Mann* generally collects ſuch Package from the Debentures, which paſs through his Office after ſuch Goods are exported; but there are various Goods which are entered outwards by Certificate, as well as by free Entry, which have no Debenture, and which conſequently, do not paſs through Mr. *Mann*'s Office, and if he collects ſuch Duties it muſt be by means of ſome other Office.

Queſtion, 12. Is there any Check upon the preſent Collector?

Anſwer. WITH reſpect to the City Duties, none but his own Clerks.

Queſtion, 13. IF any Perſon ſhould be appointed to collect the e Duties, not having a Seat under the Crown in the *Long Room*, how will he be able to col ect them?

Anſwer. FOR the Sake of conveniency, both to the Merchant and himſel, he ſh.uld have a Seat in the *Long Room*, and Mr. *Stone* he can ſpeak for himſelf, that he has

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Queſtion, 14. WHICH are thoſe Companies whoſe Collectors have Seats in the *Long Room*?

Anſwer. THE *Ruſſia* Company—The *Turkey* Company, and ſeveral others.

Queſtion, 15. ARE there any Meaſures that ought to have been purſued concerning this Collection, which have been of late years neglected?

Anſwer. YES, there are. Firſt, the ſurveying of the Goods, a Right granted by Charter; the next, the ſetting up a Table of the Cuſtoms and Duties of Package and Scavage in ſome public Place in the City, which is ordered by an Act of Parliament of the 22d. *H.* VIII. under a Penalty of £5. per Month.

ORDERED, That theſe Minutes be ſealed up, and depoſited in the Town Clerk's Hands, till the next Meeting of this Committee.

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ORDERED, That Mr. *John Mann*, of the *Cuſtom-houſe*, and Mr. *William Simms* of the ſame, be ſummoned to attend the next Committee.

Tueſday the 27th of *April*, 1773.

SUB-COMMITTEE, to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage, *&c.*

MR. *John Mann* of the *Cuſtom-houſe*, was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. WHETHER there is any Check upon the Collector of theſe Duties ?

Anſwer. No.

Queſtion, 2. WHAT may the Sum amount to which is collected for Package ?

Anſwer. I AM not prepared to anſwer that Queſtion.

Queſtion, 3. ARE there are any Frauds on thoſe particular Goods, and in Package ; in what manner, and by whom, are Concealments made ?

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Anſwer. A GREAT many may be made by Packers and Brokers.

Queſtion, 4. WHOSE Duty is it to detect theſe Frauds?

Anſwer. THE Collector of Package and Scavage upon Debenture Goods, and Mr. *Brathwaite*, one of the Surveyors of the Cuſtoms, upon free Goods.

Queſtion, 5. Do you know of any ſuch Concealments, on thoſe particular Goods, and have you detected any from the Year 1768, to the preſent Time?

Anſwer. I HAVE detected ſeveral, particularly ſome Indigo of *Richards* and *Warrington*; I detect People daily.

Queſtion, 6. WHEN you have detected thoſe Frauds which have been paſſed ſome time, have you recovered the Duty?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 7. WHETHER about the Year 1768, or 1769, you was not informed by Mr. *Sera*, of the *Long Room*, that a Concealment

ment had been made to a conſiderable Amount?

Anſwer. I WAS not informed by Mr. *Sera*, but by Mr. *Cauſton*.

Queſtion, 8. Is not a Perſon who is well acquainted with Mercantile Connections, as likely to diſcover Concealments in theſe Duties of Package and Scavage, as a Perſon who is entirely in the *Cuſtom-houſe*?

Anſwer. No; becauſe he has not a Power of inſpecting the Warrants.

Queſtion, 9. YOU have in your Office a Mr. *Simms*?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 10. HAS not Mr. *Simms* for many years kept the Scavage Books, and did he not ſettle Mr. *Saxby*'s Accounts, concerning that Buſineſs?

Anſwer. MR. *Saxby* and myſelf kept the Scavage Books, which were afterwards copied over fair by Mr. *Simms*, and Mr. *Simms* did ſettle Mr. *Saxby*'s Accounts after his deceaſe.

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Queſtion, 11. DOES not the City's Benefit entirely depend upon the Officers Integrity and Induſtry, he having no Check?

Anſwer. CERTAINLY, I make up my Accounts every Day.

Queſtion, 12. WHAT particular Hours Attendance in the Day are neceſſary to diſcharge the Duties of this Office?

Anſwer. FROM ten to three.

Queſtion, 13. WAS there any Package Duty on Pepper, that you received in the Month of *November* 1771?

Anſwer. No.

Queſtion, 14. YOU conſequently did not know of any Fraud committed in that Article?

Anſwer. No.

Queſtion, 15. Is not Pepper ſhipped for Aliens, ſubject to the Package Duties?

Anſwer. YES; but it is not in my Collection, it is the Duty of the Collector of Package of free Goods.

Queſtion, 16. HAS Pepper any Debenture?

Anſwer. NONE.

MR. *William Little* was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. ARE you a Waterman?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 2. Do you not ſhip Goods from Mr. *Famin* and Mr. *Douduel*?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 3. WHAT Porters ſhip for *Famin* and *Douduel*?

Anſwer. THE Goldſmiths and Packers Porters.

Queſtion, 4. HAVE you not often ſhipped Pepper and ſeveral other Goods for thoſe Gentlemen?

Anſwer. YES.

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Anſwer. I CANNOT tell.

Queſtion, 6. DID you not, in the Month of *November* 1771, ſhip Pepper, entered by Mr. *Metivier*, for Mr. *Famin* and *Douduel*?

Anſwer. I CAN'T anſwer that Queſtion.

MR. *John Impey* was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. WHAT Buſineſs are you?

Anſwer. A BROKER in the Drug Way.

Queſtion, 2. How long have you followed that Employment?

Anſwer. ABOUT eleven Years.

Queſtion, 3. Do you know Mr. *Stone*?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 4. Do you think he is capable of tranſacting *Cuſtom-houſe* Buſineſs?

Anſwer. I Do.

Queſtion, 5. Do you think Mr. *Stone*'s Knowledge is univerſal in *Cuſtom-houſe* Buſineſs, and the Duties thereunto belonging?

Anſwer. YES. I think him extremely capable. I have frequently applied to Mr. *Stone* for Information, and have always found him both ready and able to give it.

MR. *Samuel Baldwin*, of the *Cuſtom-houſe*, was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions,—his Office is Deputy Cuſtomer of Wool and Leather, and Copying Clerk outwards.

Queſtion, 1. Do you know the Nature of the Duties of Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. YES.

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Queſtion, 2. Do you think yourſelf capable of collecting thoſe Duties?

Anſwer. I DO.

Queſtion, 3. Do you apprehend Mr. *Mann*, the Clerk of the Rates, the only Perſon capable of collecting thoſe Duties?

Anſwer. CERTAINLY not.

Queſtion, 4. HAS Mr. *Mann* any Check or Control againſt him?

Anſwer. NOT that I know of, and I have often wondered that there has not.

MR. *Baldwin* acquainted this Committee, that he was willing to give them the beſt Information in his Power, but he wiſhed that not any Part of his Evidence might be divulged.

Queſtion, 5. ARE there not in the *Long Room* ſeveral Collectors of Duties belonging to

to Companies, that have no Places under the Crown, in the *Cuſtom-houſe*?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 6. WHO are thoſe Officers?

Anſwer. MR. *Sera*, for the Collector of the *Ruſſia* Company.

MR. *Foſter*, for the Collector of the *Turkey* Company. And,

MR. *Simpſon*, for the *Trinity-houſe*.

Queſtion, 7. Do you ſuppoſe there are any Frauds committed upon the City, in the Duties of Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. YES, I do.

Queſtion, 8. Do you not ſuppoſe, by a particular Attention being paid to the collecting of theſe Duties, ſuch Frauds may be prevented?

Anſwer. YES, I do.

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Queſtion, 9. Do you apprehend that Mr. *Mann* has collected theſe Duties as well as ever they were collected?

Anſwer. YES.

Queſtion, 10. OUGHT the City to truſt entirely to one Perſon in the *Cuſtom-houſe*, however honeſt, without having ſome Control or Check over him, to enquire into, and prevent Frauds, *&c?*

Anſwer. I THINK not.

Wedneſday the 5th of *May* 1773.

SUB-COMMITTEE, for Package and Scavage.

MR. *Samuel Little*, Lighterman, was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. HAVE you not ſhipped Pepper and other Goods at different Times for Mr. *Douduel?*

Anſwer.

Answer. YES, and particularly in the Year 1769, I shipped about 130 Bags of Pepper for Mr. *Douduel.*

MR. *William Simms*, Assistant to Mr. *Mann*, Clerk of the Rates at the *Custom-house*, was called in, and asked the following Questions.

Question, 1. ARE the Duties of Package and Scavage collected in Mr. *Mann*'s Office?

Answer. YES.

Question, 2. WHAT Sum was collected last *Monday?*

Answer. I CANNOT tell.

Question, 3. Do not other Officers collect these Duties?

Answer. No. The Clerks or Officers in the *Long Room* are paid for bringing those Duties to Mr. *Mann*, by the Proprietor of the Goods.

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Queſtion, 4. THEN Mr. *Mann* is rather the Receiver than the Collector?

Anſwer. IN ſome Caſes it is ſo.

Queſtion, 5. ARE there not great Concealments in the Duties of Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. I THINK there are.

Queſtion, 6. FROM whence does that ariſe?

Anſwer. FROM falſe Entries, to cover Aliens Goods.

Queſtion, 7. Is not a Broker very likely to know of ſuch Concealments, and to be capable of diſcovering them?

Anſwer. I SHOULD apprehend they are the moſt likely to be guilty of ſuch Concealments themſelves, and to be the moſt capable of diſcovering them, ſo far as relates to their own Employers.

Queſtion, 8. CAN theſe Duties be either lett on a Leaſe, or ſold with Advantage to the City?

Anſwer. THAT is beyond my Power to determine.

Queſtion, 9. HAVE not you and Mr. *Mann* detected Brokers making falſe Entries?

Anſwer. REPEATEDLY.

MR. *Samuel Baldwin* was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. IN what Manner are the Scavage and Package Duties now collected?

Anſwer. THE Merchants of *London* commonly employ ſome Perſon in the *Long Room* to make out their Entries, calculate the Duties, and paſs the Entries through the different Offices, for the Purpoſe of getting their Goods landed. The Agent in this Caſe receives from the Merchant all the Fees and Dues whatſoever, except the King's Duty, which he accounts from time to time to the Collector.

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Collector. The Clerks of the Collector of Package and Scavage are employed in common with other Clerks in this Agency.

Queſtion, 2. ARE they wholly collected by Mr. *Mann*, or by every Clerk in the *Long Room?*

Anſwer. BY the Clerks in general, in the *Long Room.*

Queſtion, 3. Is not a Broker who is unconnected with the Merchants, more likely to collect this Duty rigorouſly, than a Perſon in the *Long Room?*

Anſwer. IN point of Rigour he certainly could. The Clerks in the Room are Attornies to the Merchants, whom they eſteem as their Clients, conſequently do not preſs ſo rigorouſly as others would do.

Queſtion, 4. Is not a Broker more likely to know of the various Frauds committed by Aliens, *&c.* than a Perſon wholly in the *Long Room?*

Anſwer. I think a Broker may know of many Frauds which may not appear to the Officers in the *Long Room*; and that on the other hand, many may appear to the Officers in the Room, which may not to the Broker.

Queſtion, 5. Do you not think it would be more for the Intereſt of the City to employ ſuch a Perſon, than a Perſon who is under ſuch Obligation to the Merchants, as the Clerks of the *Long Room* are?

Anſwer. As far as depends upon the Connection between the Merchant and Officers, I think it would. Was I a Citizen, I ſhou'd appoint a Stranger to the Connections at the *Cuſtom houſe* as Collector, provided ſome Officer in the *Room* ſhould be appointed as Aſſiſtant or Comptroller.

Queſtion, 6. Do you apprehend there are more Frauds committed againſt the City, than againſt the Crown?

Anſwer. YES. There is not ſo great a Hazard in defrauding the City, as defrauding the Crown.

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Queſtion, 7. WHAT Cauſe do you aſſign that to?

Anſwer. THE Penalties are heavier.

Queſtion, 8. IT has been aſſerted, there might be an encreaſe of £500 *per Annum*; what is your Opinion with reſpect thereof?

Anſwer. I THINK there might by a proper Exertion of the Collectors of the Duty.

Queſtion, 9. WHAT is your Opinion of Mr. *Stone*'s Abilities, and is he likely to know of any ſuch Concealment?

Anſwer. I THINK he muſt.

Queſtion, 10. Is he capable of collecting the Duty of Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. I THINK he is unqueſtionably ſo.

Queſtion, 11. Do you think this Collection can be either lett upon a Leaſe, or ſold with Advantage to the City?

Anſwer.

Anſwer. I think it cannot; being of too fluctuating a Nature, it will not admit of any preciſe Sum by Purchaſe or Leaſe.

A PROPOSAL from Mr. *Thomas Dawes*, relating to his being appointed Collector of Package and Scavage, was delivered in to this Committee and read as follows:

To the Worſhipful the COMMITTEE *appointed to enquire into the Collection of the Duties of Package and Scavage, belonging to the Corporation of* London.

THE following Propoſal, is humbly ſubmitted to your Conſideration, by a Liveryman of *London*, thoroughly acquainted with the Nature and Duties of the ſaid Place, and deſirous of obtaining the ſame, if his Character and Abilities ſhould be approved of.

To pay into the Chamber of *London*, the Sum of One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, for

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for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Place, upon the Allowances that have uſually been made for the Collection of the ſaid Duties, being permitted to inſure the ſaid Sum, with the City of *London*, upon their uſual Terms; and to give any Security the City ſhall require for the due and faithful Diſcharge of the Duties of the Office, and ſubmit to ſuch Orders and Regulations as the Committee ſhall think proper and reaſonable.

Thomas Dawes.

London, May 5, 1773.

And Mr. *Dawes* attending, was called in, and aſked the following Queſtions.

Queſtion, 1. Do you underſtand the Nature of the Duties of Package and Scavage?

Anſwer. I AM well acquainted with the Nature of the *Cuſtom-houſe* Buſineſs.

Queſtion, 2. Do you know what theſe Duties are collected from?

Anſwer.

Answer. I APPREHEND upon Goods in general.

Question, 3. Do you mean upon all Goods imported and exported?

Answer. YES. I apprehend so.

Question, 4. DESCRIBE the Nature of the Duties of Package and Scavage?

Answer. I am not Master of it.

WHERE do you reside?

No. 4, *Lawrence Lane*, and at *Hackney*.

Tuesday

Tueſday the 18th of *May* 1773.

COMMITTEE *to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage*, &c.

THE Proceedings of the laſt Committee were read.

THE Committee agreed to make the ſame Report to the Common-Council, as before, with the Addition of theſe Words (and the Name of the Ship in which the Goods were imported and the Place from whence they arrived) which Report being prepared, was ſigned accordingly.

ORDERED, That the Evidence given by ſeveral Perſons to this Committee, be annexed to the ſaid Report when delivered to the Common-Council.

TOWNSEND, *Mayor.*

A COMMON-COUNCIL *holden in the* Guildhall *of the City of* London, *on* Tuesday *the Fifteenth Day of* June 1773.

THE Committee appointed to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package andScavage, did this Day deliver into this Court a Report in Writing under their Hands, which was read in theſe Words:

To the Right Honourable the LORD-MAYOR, Aldermen, *and* Commons *of the City of* London, *in Common-Council aſſembled.*

WE whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, your Committee appointed by this HONOURABLE COURT, the 19th of *June* laſt, to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage, do hereby certify, That in purſuance of an Order of the twenty fifth

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of *March* laſt, whereby it was referred to us to conſider our Report then made concerning the ſame: We have met ſeveral times to enquire into the moſt beneficial Means of diſpoſing of the Duties of Package and Scavage; and are of Opinion, That a Collector be appointed by this Court for one Year, ſubject to the Power of Revocation; that his Salary ariſes from a Poundage on the Money he receives; that he pay the Money ariſing from the ſaid Duties into the Chamberlain's Office, once in every Quarter of the Year; that he give an Account of all Money received, and from whom, and the Name of the Ship in which the Goods were imported, and the Place from whence they arrived, into the Chamberlain's Office, once in every Quarter of the Year; that he verify his Account on Oath before the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and that he find ſufficient Security for the faithful Performance of his Office: All which We humbly ſubmit to this HONOURABLE COURT, this 18th Day of *May* 1773.

C. Sommers,	*John Wilkes,*
W. Hurford,	*John Sawbridge,*
John Peart,	*Luke Staveley,*
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AND

AND a Motion being made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree with the Committee in their ſaid Report? the ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

IT is ordered, That the ſeveral Reports of Committees lately made to the Court of Aldermen and to this Court, together with the Proceedings of both the Committees, relating to the Office of Collector of this City's Duties of Package and Scavage, be printed, and a Copy thereof ſent to every Member of this Court.

HODGES.

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